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OFFICIALS OF PRASAR BHARATI ON FOREIGN TOURS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the employees and officers of Akashwani and Doordarshan sent on foreign tours during the last three years;

(b) the names of such officials, their credentials, posts, countries visited and expenditure incurred on these tours along with the details with regard to the names of the event and dates of tours till date; and

(c) the justification for these foreign tours and the achievement thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): Details of the number of officers of Prasar Bharati sent on foreign deputationand expenditure incurred on these tours during last 3 years are given below:-

Year	AIR		Doordarshan	
	Number of officers	Expenditure (Rupees in lakhs)	Number of officers	Expenditure (Rupees in lakhs)
1999-2000	37	10.03	118	46.55
2000-2001	39	19.01	80	63.31
2001-2002	31	24.26	112	133.78

The officials sent on foreign deputation are of different categories/cadres of different levels as per the requirement of event. All the officers deputed on foreign deputation are sent in connection with official work or as official delegation on behalf of the organization.